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**GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS STEPHENS TO THE N.C. COURT OF APPEALS**

**Raleigh** - Governor Easley today appointed Linda Stephens to the N.C. Court of Appeals. Stephens is currently a lawyer in Raleigh.

"Linda has an excellent reputation in the legal community and has been recognized nationally for her leadership skills," said Easley. "Her outstanding professional experience, strong work ethic and commitment to the law will serve her well on the N.C. Court of Appeals."

Stephens has worked with the law firm of Teague, Campbell, Dennis & Gorham for 21 years and is a former deputy commissioner of the N.C. Industrial Commission. She was selected as the first female president of the N.C. Association of Defense Attorneys in 2001. Additionally, she has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America Workers' Compensation Section since 1995.

"Linda's legal experience makes her an excellent choice for the N.C. Court of Appeals," said District Attorney Colon Willoughby. "The appointments made by the Governor this week are all women of high character, intelligence and competence."

Stephens is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of South Carolina and received her law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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